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Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Implementation of the Federal Communications Commissions' Triennial  
Review Order*  
Docket No. 03-00460

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's Petition for Leave to Intervene.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

IN RE: *Implementation of the Federal Communications Commissions' Triennial Review Order*

Docket No. 03-00460

**PETITION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-310 and T.C.A. §65-2-107, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above-captioned ninety-day proceeding, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Petitioner, a Georgia Corporation authorized to conduct and conducting a public utility business in the state of Tennessee, is engaged in furnishing exchange telephone service and intrastate (long distance) intraLATA telephone service in the state of Tennessee subject to the jurisdiction of the Authority and pursuant to T.C.A. §65-4-101 and T.C.A. §65-5-201, *et seq.*

2. This proceeding will address, among other things, the terms and conditions under which BellSouth may operate in Tennessee, and therefore, may determine BellSouth's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests.

3. At this time, BellSouth does not intend to participate actively in the initial phase of this proceeding, which will address issues relating to the provision

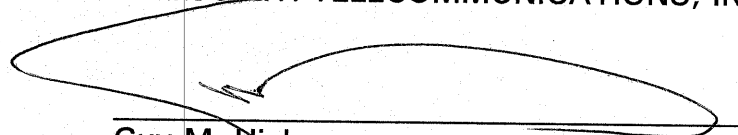
of service to business customers being served over high capacity loops, i.e., "the ninety-day proceeding."<sup>1</sup> BellSouth intends only to monitor that proceeding. BellSouth does, however, reserve the right to participate more fully in this proceeding or to address the impairment issue if the matter is raised by other parties or by the Authority.

4. Allowing Petitioner to intervene will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Order of August 19, 2003, at 2.

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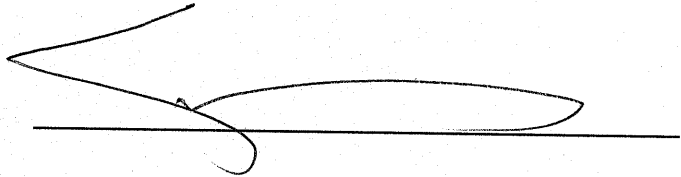
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